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PEZIZA PUBIDA B. & C.

A. P. MORGAN.

From the Linnean Society's Journal, Vol. XXXI, page 492, I extract the following reference:

Peziza (§ Sarcoscypha) Semitosta, B. & C., Macropodia semitosta. Sacc., Peziza pubida, B. & C., Macropodia pubida, Sacc., Exsiccati, Ellis & Everhart, N. American Fungi No. 2740, Ellis N. American Fungi No. 1269, Rab.-Winter Fung. Eur. No. 3275.

The spores of this species are described as "smooth, often as "smooth, of

guttulate, elliptical, ends narrowed, 28-32 x 12 mic."

Fred Jay Seaver, in the Discomycetes of Eastern Iowa, describes the spores of Macropodia pubida (B. & C.) Sacc. as "fusiform, rough, 38-42 x 10." In An Annotated List of Iowa Discomycetes Mr. Seaver states that Peziza Morgani Massee is identical with Peziza pubida B. & C. of Ellis's N. A. Fungi No. 1269. He states further that the specimen in Rabenhorst-Winter Fungi Europæi No. 3275 is different; he says it contains "spores which are elliptical, rough and only 15 x 8 mic."

There is always surmise as to the amount of "straddle" each expert may allow to spore-measurements. It is also constantly occurring that two or more species are mixed in the same num-

bers of the various exsiccati.

At any rate it would appear that the numbers of Peziza pubida B. & C. in the collections at Kew are quite different from the corresponding numbers in the collections of the gentleman in Iowa.

A NEW SPECIES OF SYNCHYTRIUM.

T. T. DAVIS.

While examining leaves of Scirpus atrovirens Mühl. with a hand lens I was surprised to observe the presence in some of the leaves of a Synchytrium. The host plants were on the border of a button bush swamp in Kenosha county, Wisconsin, and further search revealed the presence of the parasite in one or two similar situations in the vicinity. It produces little distortion of the host and it requires a sharper eye than mine to see it without a magnifier. Attempts to secure the germination of the resting spores have not succeeded beyond the conversion of the spore contents into globular bodies about 20 \mu in diameter — presumably zoosporangia.